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SYSTIS. *n. f.* [Latin.] A quick sand; a bog.
A boggy *syttis*, neither sea, nor good dry land. *Milton.*
SYSTEM. *n. f.* [systeme, Fr. *συστημα*.]
1. Any complexure or combination of many things acting together.
2. A scheme which reduces many things to regular dependence or co-operation.
3. A scheme which unites many things in order.
Aristotle brings morality into *system*, by treating of happiness under heads, and ranges it in classes according to its different objects, distinguishing virtues into their several kinds which had not been handled systematically before. *Baker.*
The best way to learn any science is to begin with a regular *system*, or a short and plain scheme of that science well drawn up into a narrow compass. *Watts.*
SYSTEMATICAL. *adj.* [systematique, Fr. *συστηματικος*; from *system*.] Methodical; written or formed with regular subordination of one part to another.
It will be necessary, in a discourse about the formation of

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the world, to give you a brief account of some of the most principal and systematical phenomena that occur in it. *Bentley.*
Now we deal much in essays, and unreasonably despise systematical learning; whereas our fathers had a just value for regularity and systems. *Watts.*
SYSTEMATICALLY. *adv.* [from *systematical*.] In form of a system.
I treat of the usefulness of writing books of essays, in comparison of that of writing systematically. *Boyle.*
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SYSTOLE. *n. f.* [systole, Fr. *συστολη*.]
1. [In anatomy.] The contraction of the heart.
The *systole* resembles the forcible bending of a spring, and the diastole its flying out again to its natural size. *Ray.*
2. [Systole, French.] In Grammar, the shortening of a long syllable.



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T, A consonant, which, at the beginning and end of words, has always the same sound nearly approaching to the *d*; but before an *i*, when approaching by a vowel, has the sound of an obscure *s*: as, *nation, salvation*, except when *s* precedes *t*: as, *Christian, question*.
TA'BBY. *n. f.* [*tabi, tabino*, Italian; *tabis*, French.] A kind of waved silk.
Brocades, and *tabies*, and *gaufes*. *Swift.*
TA'BBY. *adj.* Brinded; brindled; varied with different colours.
A *tabby* cat sat in the chimney-corner. *Addison.*
On her *tabby* rival's face,
She deep will mark her new disgrace. *Prior.*
TABEFACITION. *n. f.* [*tabefacio*, Latin.] The act of wasting away.
TO TA'BIFY. *v. n.* [*tabefacio*, Latin.] To waste; to be extenuated by disease. In the following example it is improperly a verb active.
Meat eaten in greater quantity than is convenient *tabefies* the body. *Harvey on Consumptions.*
TABARD. *n. f.* [*taberda*, low Latin; *tabard*, Fr.] A long gown; a herald's coat.
TA'BERDER. *n. f.* [from *taberd*.] One who wears a long gown.
TA'BERNACLE. *n. f.* [*tabernacle*, Fr. *tabernaculum*, Lat.]
1. A temporary habitation; a casual dwelling.
They sudden rear'd
Celestial *tabernacles*, where they slept
Fann'd with cool winds. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. v.*
2. A sacred place; a place of worship.
The greatest conqueror did not only compose his divine odes, but set them to music: his works, though consecrated to the *tabernacle*, became the national entertainment, as well as the devotion of his people. *Addison's Spect.* N^o. 405.
TO TA'BERNACLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To enshrine; to house.
The word was made flesh, and *tabernacled* amongst us, and we beheld his glory. *John i. 14.*
TABID. *adj.* [*tabide*, Fr. *tabidus*, Lat.] Wasted by disease; consumptive.
In *tabid* persons milk is the best restorative, being chyle already prepared. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*
TA'BIDNESS. *n. f.* [from *tabid*.] Consumptiveness; state of being wasted by disease.
TABLATURE. *n. f.* [from *table*.] Painting on walls or ceilings.
TABLE. *n. f.* [*table*, Fr. *tabula*, Latin.]
1. Any flat or level surface.
Upon the castle hill there is a bagnio paved with fair *tables* of marble. *Sandys.*
2. A horizontal surface raised above the ground, used for meals and other purposes.
We may again
Give to our *tables* meat, sleep to our nights. *Shakespeare.*
Help to search my house; if I find not what I seek, let me for ever be your *table* sport. *Shakespeare.*
Children at a *table* never asked for any thing, but contentedly took what was given them. *Locke on Education.*
This shuts them out from all *table* conversation, and the most agreeable intercourse. *Addison's Spectator.*
Nor hath the fruit in it any core or kernel; and differing from other apples, yet is a good *table* fruit. *Mortimer.*
The nymph the *table* spread,
Ambrosial cates, with nectar, rosy red. *Pope.*
3. The persons sitting at table, or partaking of entertainment.
Give me some wine, fill full,
I drink to th' general joy of the whole *table*. *Shakespeare.*
4. The fare or entertainment itself: as, *he keeps a good table*.
5. A tablet; a surface on which any thing is written or engraved.
He was the writer of them in the *tables* of their hearts. *Hooker, b. iii.*
'Twas pretty, though a plague,

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To see him every hour; to sit and draw
His arched brows, his hawking eye, his curls,
In our hearts *table*. *Shakespeare.*
All these true notes of immortality
In our heart's *table* we shall written find. *Davies.*
I prepar'd to pay in verses rude
A most detested act of gratitude:
Ev'n this had been your elegy which now
Is offer'd for your health, the *table* of my vow. *Dryden.*
There are books extant which the atheist must allow of as proper evidence; even the mighty volumes of visible nature, and the everlasting *tables* of right reason; wherein if they do not wilfully shut their eyes, they may read their own folly written by the finger of God in a much plainer and more terrible sentence, than Belhazzar's was by the hand upon the wall. *Bentley's Sermons.*
Among the Romans, the judge or prætor granted administration, not only according to the *tables* of the testament, but even contrary to those *tables*. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*
By the twelve *tables*, only those were called into succession of their parents that were in the parent's power. *Ayliffe.*
6. [*Tableau*, Fr.] A picture, or any thing that exhibits a view of any thing.
I never lov'd myself,
Till now, infixed, I beheld myself
Drawn in the flat ring *table* of her eye. *Shakespeare.*
His Jalyfus or Bacchus he so esteemed, that he had rather lose all his father's images than that *table*. *Peacham.*
Saint Anthony has a *table* that hangs up to him from a poor peasant, who fancied the saint had saved his neck. *Addison.*
7. An index; a collection of heads; a catalogue; a syllabus.
It might seem impertinent to have added a *table* to a book of so small a volume, and which seems to be itself but a *table*: but it may prove advantageous at once to learn the whole culture of any plant. *Evelyn's Kalender.*
Their learning reaches no farther than the *tables* of contents. *Watts.*
8. A synopsis; many particulars brought into one view.
I have no images of ancestors,
Wanting an ear, or nose; no forged *tables*
Of long descents, to boast false honours from. *B. Johnson.*
9. The palm of the hand.
Mistress of a fairer *table*
Hath not history nor fable. *Benj. Johnson.*
10. Draughts; small pieces of wood shifted on squares.
Monsieur the nice,
When he plays at *tables*, chides the dice. *Shakespeare.*
We are in the world like men playing at *tables*; the chance is not in our power, but to play it, is; and when it is fallen we must manage it as we can. *Taylor.*
11. To turn the *TABLES*. To change the condition or fortune of two contending parties: a metaphor taken from the vicissitude of fortune at gaming tables.
They that are honest would be arrant knaves if the *tables* were turned. *L'Estrange.*
If it be thus, the *tables* would be turned upon me; but I should only fail in my vain attempt. *Dryden.*
TO TA'BLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To board; to live at the table of another.
He lost his kingdom, was driven from the society of men to *table* with the beasts, and to graze with oxen. *South.*
You will have no notion of delicacies if you *table* with them; they are all for rank and foul feeding. *Felton.*
TO TA'BLE. *v. a.* To make into a catalogue; to set down.
I could have looked on him without admiration, though the catalogue of his endowments had been *tabled* by his side, and I to peruse him by items. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*
TA'BLEBEER. *n. f.* [*table* and *beer*.] Beer used at victuals; small beer.
TA'BLEBOOK. *n. f.* [*table* and *book*.] A book on which any thing is graved or written without ink.
What might you think,
If I had play'd the desk or *table-book*. *Shakespeare. Hamlet.*
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